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Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, December 18, 2020, inmate Jaime Benavides tested positive for COVID-19 at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. On Monday, December 28, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Benavides was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms. On Thursday, March 25, 2021, Mr. Benavides' condition worsened and he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Sunday, April 4, 2021, Mr. Benavides, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Benavides was a 49-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Texas to a 60-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Quantity Exceeding 100 Kilos of Marijuana. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since December 3, 2020.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 781 male offenders.

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